

Book Bites

Tasty morsels from Norfolk School Library Service

April 2013

New Financial Year

We are now into a new financial year - thank you to those schools which have bought tokens from us. Our early bird offer runs until the end of May so it's not too late to take advantage of this and buy 6 tokens and get 1 free, and the discounted price of £70 per token. Just give us a ring!

INSET for the Summer term

June 6th. Making the most of Junior Librarian. A half day INSET course suitable for users of Junior Librarian 3. "I am now able to find information on the system that I hadn't known about before and will use it to improve my library". (Delegate on recent Junior Librarian course.) For more information or to book please get in touch with us.

May 13th. The Importance of the Primary School Library. A FREE twilight course for school governors. Bookings are made via governor services, to book email governorservices@norfolk.gov.uk
To be held at County Hall.

Moving Day!

If you are lucky enough to be moving your school library - perhaps for a wonderful refurbishment, here are a few hints and tips.

- Once the planning for new shelving has been completed (SLS can help with this!) the next job is to weed and audit your stock. There's no point packing and moving tatty old books that your children don't want to read.
- To calculate how many boxes you need do a rough count of books, or look at your Junior Librarian, and average 30 books a box. More than that and boxes will be too heavy, or packed in a way that makes unpacking difficult. Seal and label boxes clearly (side & top) and stack close to where you will unpack so that you can unpack logically.
- Unpacking is usually quicker, but plan how your stock will run round the shelves, left to right, usually down the bays.
- Talk to us at SLS; we can provide peoplepower
- Plan enough time for all this; it will probably take longer than you think!

Fiction Discussion Groups

School Library Service runs 2 fiction discussion groups which are FREE to SLS customers. Spaces are available at the groups meeting in Fakenham and Diss, and we are also hoping to start a group in Norwich.

Schools receive 6 recently published books to share with children and teachers get together after school at the end of term to discuss feedback. It's not too late for join to the Summer term. Let us know if your school is interested.



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Fun around Phonics collection

We have got together a great collection of fun picture books which can support your children in Rec/KS1 as they learn to read. Chosen for their quality of language, these books would be great for sharing with young children and exploring words and pictures.

Competition

The National Literacy Trust's Words for Life campaign and Penheaven.co.uk have partnered to launch an exciting children's writing competition for children aged 13 or under. Words for Life has £500 worth of fantastic pens and prizes up for grabs for any child that enters the "Pen a Story" competition. To enter the competition, all children have to do is finish off a story in 500 words or less. The introduction has been penned by children's author Tom Palmer.

The "Pen a Story" competition closing date is 5 May 2013.

For full details of how to enter the competition, visit www.wordsforlife.org.uk/penastory.



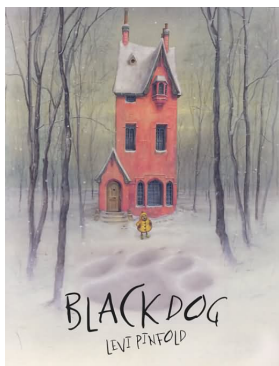
Get ready for a rich diet of Literature and storytelling this summer with this fab event.

The Reading Festival at Aylsham High School is on Sat 4th May, www.thereadingfestival.co.uk/# and has some great people lined up including Roger McGough, Chris Bradford and Harriet Castor. There are events and activities for children and adults; check the website for details. It looks good; see you there!

Books we love this month!

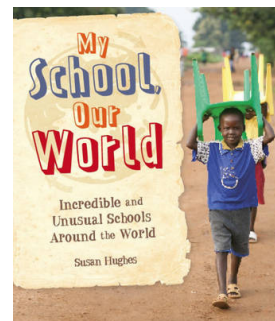
Pinfold, Levi **Black Dog**

Exquisite illustrations (nominated for the Kate Greenaway Award) with a big 'aah' factor, but not the least sentimental, for a story about facing your fears and emotions. For all ages.



Hughes, Susan **My School Our World**

One for the non-fiction section; a really unusual look at extraordinary schools around the world, which will make our children think about the importance of education, and the astonishing challenges faced in other parts of the world.



Prize draw winners

Congratulations to Lyng Primary School who won an SLS token in the prize draw for those returning project loan evaluations from the Autumn term. Thanks for all your feedback.

Well done also to Highgate Infant School who won three SLS tokens in prize draw for schools making a visit to the public libraries as part of Join Up January.

Did you know...that schools who are SLS customers can get a whopping discount of 22% on new books from Peters booksellers, and the books can be labelled and jacketed for you before delivery. If you have a lot to spend a showroom visit could give you discount of 25% in April and May. Contact us to find out how.

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